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PIEZOELECTRIC/ELECTROSTRICTIVE DEVICE AND PRODUCTION  
METHOD THEREOF

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants wish to amend the subject application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 15 of the paper.

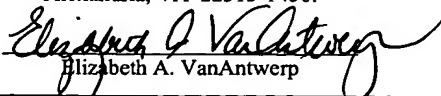
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